

Fall 2015 -Summer 2016: Texas Health & Wellness Policy Internship

CPPP's Vision and Core Purpose:

The Center for Public Policy Priorities (CPPP) seeks a dynamic graduate or undergraduate student communications intern for fall 2015. CPPP believes in a Texas that offers everyone the chance to compete and succeed in life. We envision a Texas where everyone is healthy, well-educated, and financially secure. We are an independent public policy organization that uses data and analysis to advocate for solutions that enable Texans of all backgrounds to reach their full potential.

Internship Description

The Health & Wellness of CPPP is looking for graduate student intern. The intern will work with CPPP health team members Anne Dunkelberg, Stacey Pogue, Katharine Ligon, Rachel Cooper, and Melissa McChesney (see www.cppp.org for more). The intern will primarily focus on issues related to access to health care services, including mental health care as well as obtaining and maintaining health care coverage.

This intern will:

- Assist health care team members with policy research and data analysis as needed related to health care costs and transparency within public and private insurance;
- Assist with outreach and the dissemination of a Mental Health Parity Toolkit to consumers and providers.
- Assist with administration of a state-wide online scheduling tool available to organizations assisting consumers with Marketplace enrollment, including coordination and outreach
- Assist health team members as needed with coalition and campaign planning and logistics.
- Be encouraged to author or joint-author blog posts or other agreed-on research products on related policy topics; and
- Assist with other necessary tasks as they arise.

Health & Wellness team members are in and out of the office. The ideal candidate will expect to be proactive about communicating via email etc. to get the guidance and input they need to fulfill their work responsibilities. We encourage the intern to act as an active partner in our health team work.

If the intern requests, we will work with them to identify an area of health policy research that is ***relevant to the Center's work*** and coordinated with the intern's academic goals in which they can engage.

As the Center does not employ any dedicated clerical staff, interns (and policy staff alike) are expected to do their own clerical work and on occasion help out with team preparations for Center events, etc.

Minimum Qualifications: Prefer graduate student with demonstrated interest in health policy and/or coalition building and community organizing. Open to international students.

Dates of Internship: September 1 through December 18. Based on performance in the Fall semester and subject to funding, an ideal successful intern will be interested in, and considered for continuation through the summer of 2016.

Salary: \$15/hour for 15 to 20 hours per week. Intern will be paid in accordance with the Center's normal payroll practices and will be subject to the usual, required withholding. As a temporary employee, an intern is entitled to CPPP's paid holidays if a holiday falls on a day she/he would otherwise have worked. Interns are not entitled to any other employee benefits such as sick and vacation leave, health and life insurance, employer-sponsored pension, and cell phone reimbursements.

Location: Center for Public Policy Priorities, 7020 Easy Wind Drive, Suite 200, Austin, TX 78752 (same building as Black Star Co-op, at the Crestview metro station).

Interested applicants: please submit cover letter describing your interest in this internship, and resume to dunkelberg@cphp.org by August 24, 2015. Please include "Health & Wellness Internship" in the subject line.

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